St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 4 — **July 5, 2026** — Eothinon 5

Venerable Athanasius of Athos
& Fifth Sunday of Matthew

Venerable Lampados of Irenoupolis; Hieromartyr Cyprian of Mount Athos

Today's Reader: Christopher Clay

Next Sunday – July 12, 2026

Reader for July 12, 2026: **Alexander Cadmus**

Commemorations and Bread Offering: **William & Amy Thornton**

Luncheon for Next Sunday will be prepared by the Cadmus Family

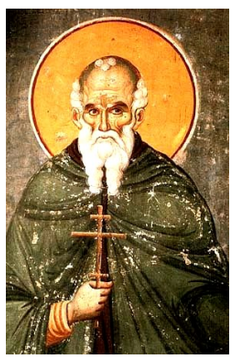
Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered by the Thomas Family for the health and salvation of William, Amy, Ben, Josie, Christian, Kristen, Marley, Judah, Dale, Linda, Jenny, Corey, Zavery, Zoe, Izaiah, Kezlin and Ezekiel

It is also offered in lovin memory of Izzy, Hazel, Lawrence, Helen, Hugart, Josephine and Stafford.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.



Important Announcements . . .

We now are entering into the Summer months and a time of vacations. Just remember, this is not a time to take a vacation from Church! If you are travelling and would like to attend church while you are away, see Fr Samuel and he will help you find a church that is near your destination if you are uncertain what Church is nearby to the place you are visiting.

Please Note

Important announcement about the Parish Library:

- Temporarily, we will be pausing the lending of books from the library as we add new books to our collection. It is my hope that we will complete our work and open it back for lending around September 1.
- If you have books that you have borrowed and are finished reading them, please bring them back and leave them on the Conference Room table so we can include them in our inventory accounting.

- For the safety of our children, all minor children must be accompanied to the restroom if they need to go during the Divine Services by a parent and immediately back again to the Church.
- Also, while the Divine Services are in being served no one is to be elsewhere in the facility (Church Hall, etc.) and not in Church except to go to the restroom, and return immediately to the Church when you are finished reading it.

~ Fr Samuel

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

Tone 4 **VENERABLE ATHANASIUS OF ATHOS** Eothinon 5

& FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

VENERABLE LAMPADOS OF IRENOUPOLIS; HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN OF MOUNT ATHOS

Troparion for the Resurrection, *in the Third Tone*

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion Saint Athanasius the Athonite, *in the Third Tone*

The Angels' ranks were awed by thy life in the flesh, how, though corporeal, and clad with earthly clay, thou didst set forth with courage to invisible wars and wrestlings and didst boldly smite the hordes of the demons with mortal wounds. Wherefore, Christ rewarded thee * with abundant gifts in return. Entreat Him that our souls find salvation, O most renowned Father Athanasius.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays, *in the Fourth Tone*

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time with aid, as we cry unto thee in faith; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Epistle

Galatians 5:22-6:2

Prokeimenon: The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.
Verse: Sing unto the Lord a new song, His praise is in the church of the saints.

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provocation of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Gospel

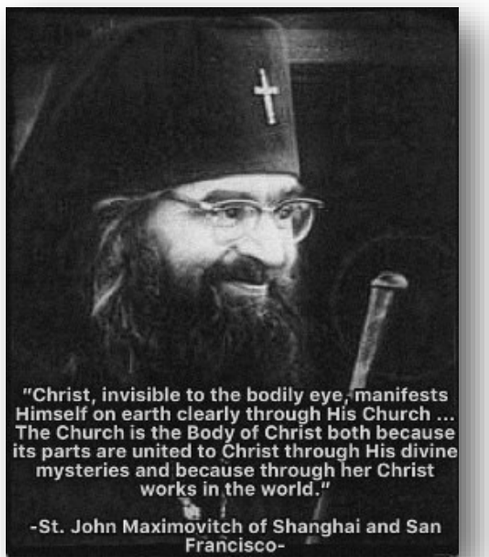
Matthew 8:28-9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

Gospel *con't on following insert*

Calendar: June-August 2026

7/20/2026		Elias the Prophet
7/25/2026		Dormition of the Righteous Anna
Dormition Fast 8/1/2026 - 8/14/2026		
8/5/2026 (Wed)	6:30 pm	Eve Divine Liturgy—Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/6/2026 (Thu)		Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/15/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
8/20/2026		The Prophet Samuel
8/29/2026		The Beheading of John the Baptist



Calendar for the Week of July 5, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday— July 5, 2026 **9:20 am** Orthros **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy	Athanasius the Righteous; Lampadus the Wonder-worker
Monday— July 6, 2026	Sisoes the Great Martyr
Tuesday—July 7, 2026	Thomas the Righteous; Cyriace the Great Martyr
Wednesday—July 8, 2026 **Fast** **No Daily Vespers Today**	Procopius the Great Martyr
Thursday—July 9, 2026	Pancratius the Martyr
Friday—July 10, 2026 **Fast**	The 45 who were Martyred in Nicopolis of Armenia
Saturday—July 11, 2026 **5:00 pm** Great Vespers Confessions afterward	Euphemia the Great Martyr
Sunday—July 12, 2026 **9:20 am** Orthros **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy	Proclus and Hilarius the Martyrs

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.